

powerful lobby. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Before we proceed to a list of speakers I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Robak. They are 25 adults and their leader from Leadership Columbus and they are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 81, LB 207, LB 210, LB 26, LB 103, LB 178 and LB 251. (See page 702 of the Legislative Journal.) The next speaker is Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose returning LB 83, or bringing it to the floor. Seven of the eight members of the committee voted to indefinitely postpone the legislation. They must know things that I'm not hearing or there must have been testimony that we're not hearing. I would like to call to your attention one facet of this bill and this is the real reason that I'm opposing the legislation of bringing it to the floor. A person who stored an unsecured firearm that was subsequently used by a minor who caused property damage in excess of \$300, that's bad. But the law says you have to cause a damage more than \$300 before you're in trouble. Now you can go ahead and take this gun or whatever and do \$299.95 worth of damage and that's okay. That's fine, but the minute that you spend that other nickel, that other penny and make it \$300, you're in trouble. Now that doesn't make sense to me. If you leave an unsecured firearm and a minor gets ahold of it, and they do damage or cause damage to be done in excess of \$300, the law triggers in, the bill triggers in. But up to \$300, you're okay. I don't understand that. I can't subscribe to that, therefore, I will not support returning LB 83 or taking it from the committee and bringing it to the floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise to oppose Senator Ashford's motion. He mentions that he thinks the NRA did a very strong lobbying job. I don't agree with that. I think it's just the people just used common sense. It's really a common sense approach. And what Senator Ashford is trying to do really does not make good common sense. I don't